

## Positive rapid lateral flow test results

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#) (if they test positive at school, you should arrange for them to be collected)
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result, whether the test was done at home, school or college
- The school asks that parents inform the school of any positive test results as soon as possible to allow us to follow the correct procedures

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to nursery, childminders, school or college, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

If you have any questions about the asymptomatic testing programme, speak to your school or college.

## If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

If your child presents as symptomatic on site, they will be isolated and you will be asked to collect them immediately and asked to take them for a PCR test.

## Tracing and self-isolation

From 19 July, as with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.